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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
2. 1, 2, 5-12 and 14-22 are presently pending in the instant application.
3. Applicants elected (4/01/2003) the chimeric oligonucleotide described by SEQ ID NO: 16. It remains that sequences of SEQ ID NO: 1-15, and 17-28 are presently recited in instant claims 6, 8, and 16, however these sequences have not been searched since they are drawn to a non-elected invention.

Response to Amendment

4. The amendment to the claims filed on 7-24-06 does not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121(c)(2). Amendments to the claims filed on or after July 30, 2003 must comply with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(2) which states:

(2) *When claim text with markings is required.* All claims being currently amended in an amendment paper shall be presented in the claim listing, indicate a status of "currently amended," and be submitted with markings to indicate the changes that have been made relative to the immediate prior version of the claims. The text of any added subject matter must be shown by underlining the added text. The text of any deleted matter must be shown by strike-through except that double brackets placed before and after the deleted characters may be used to show deletion of five or fewer consecutive characters. The text of any deleted subject matter must be shown by being placed within double brackets if strike-through cannot be easily perceived. Only claims having the status of "currently amended," or "withdrawn" if also being amended, shall include markings. If a withdrawn claim is currently amended, its status in the claim listing may be identified as "withdrawn—currently amended."

5. Specifically, Applicants have inserted text without providing underlining of the added text in claims 9 and 18. In claim 9, the term bound was added in line 2, and in claim 18, lines 2-3, the phrase "of claim 1 with telomerase under conditions permissive

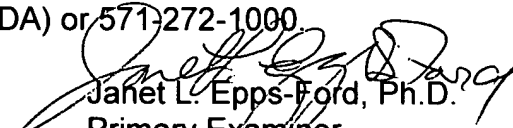
of oligonucleotide-telomerase binding," was added. With the exception of the term "permissive" in claim 18, there was no underlining to indicate the addition of this text.

6. Since the reply filed on 7-24-06 appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH** or **THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to submit an amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janet L. Epps-Ford whose telephone number is 571-272-0757. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 10:00 AM through 6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave T. Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-0731. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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